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RUDE AWAKENING :

Many a young man dissipates the varied and rich opportunities of a Catholic environment only to discover his tragic error too late. Life has become very complex in our time, presenting problems and demanding solutions foreign to the youth of a generation past. A Catholic environment provides not only the training and the means, but also the motive power to build strong, moral character. If youth blinds itself to the wholesome influences of its Catholic environment, it has failed miserably.

The future calls for men of vision, moral courage and action. The future calls for men who will be able to take defeat with a smile; for it is truly the courageous man who can fashion the crown of victory from the broken pieces of failure. Extreme love of pleasure, lack of sacrifice, habitual softness, are qualities that spell disaster. We must use the means the Church so generously provides if we are to counteract the many poisonous influences that beset us on every side.

CALLING A SPADE A SPADE :

Everyone admires the quality of honesty. We often hear it said: "I like that fellow. He talks straight from the shoulder. He is one never to mince his words."

Well, fellows, how about being honest about the spiritual state of affairs right here on the campus. Attendance at Mass, reception of Communion have fallen to a new low. Evening benediction is sadly neglected but for the loyal few. We realize that much of this indifference is due to forgetfulness. The fact is, however, it looks bad on the face of things.

What an inspiration it would be if a change for the better was to come from the ranks of the student body itself. There are natural leaders in every group, young men who have those qualities which attract others to their way of acting. These young men who possess qualities of leadership could direct those gifts in no better channels than those of uplifting the moral tone and quality of their fellow students. This may be interpreted as a stirring challenge to you. Example is more powerful than the most eloquent sermon. We look hopefully to these leaders, and especially to the upper-classmen for solid Catholic ACTION.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK :

This Sunday is the Feast of the Purification -- Candlemass Day.
Monday is the Feast of St. Blase -- Blessing of the throats.
Friday is the First Friday --- Confessions Thursday evening.

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR :

The repose of the soul of seminarian Roman Lochotzki, C.P.P.S.
For the spread of Catholic Literature -- February-Catholic Press Month
For all special intentions.

WORLD NEWS DIGEST

CHICAGO, ILL. A week's retreat for Colored youths began Sunday, Jan. 26, at Corpus Christi Negro mission, which has received 250 converts into the Church in the last eight years. The retreat is intended to fortify the faith of the young men and women who have recently joined the Church and to attract converts for the next series of instructions.

ALBANY, N.Y. Russell again -- Bertrand Russell, British philosopher, has been denied by the Court of Appeals, New York's highest tribunal, the right to appeal a lower court order prohibiting his appointment as professor of philosophy at City College in New York. His appointment was successfully opposed by both Catholic and Protestant churchmen.

ERIE, PA.

The beatification and canonization of early missionaries and others put to death for the faith in what is now U.S. Territory are sought by the American Hierarchy. Under the direction of Bishop John Mark Gannon of Erie, who introduced the resolution for a petition to the Holy Father, a committee has drawn up a list of 113 candidates.

OTTAWA, ONT. "Popular" writers who spread anti-ethical doctrines and add to the confusion in modern art and thinking were assailed as worse perils than fifth-columnists by Alfred Noyes, noted English poet and lecturer in a lecture given here.

Coming to Canada after H.G. Wells, English author, toured the U.S. in a series of lectures, Mr. Noyes here and elsewhere has castigated the author of OUTLINE OF HISTORY as one of the modern writers of confused thought who draw no line between right and wrong and are doing a work of ethical destruction.